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Re: BHG XLIX, LLC dba BHG Madison Treatment Center, CN2003-004

Dear Mr. Grant:

On June 24th, the Agency will hear BHG Madison Treatment Center's application to establish a non-residential opioid treatment program ("OTP") in Madison, Tennessee. We trust the Agency will carefully review the BHG Madison application, and that the Agency will evaluate it on its merits. To assist the Agency in doing so, we wish to make you aware of some important factors that bear on that application and similar applications that will come before the Agency in the coming months.

The data is clear – the need for additional OTP resources in metropolitan Nashville is acute. At present, Tennessee's largest and fastest growing urban area has only one non-residential OTP in place to confront this addiction crisis. According to the data, this lack of resources means that less than 11% of OTP-eligible patients in the Nashville-area receive the help that they so desperately need.

The proposed BHG Madison project seeks to improve on that statistic. But, the addition of just one additional OTP cannot possibly meet the need. This is why Nashville-based Acadia Healthcare – which treats more than 64,000 patients daily in OTPs located across the United States – has also be applied to join BHG in this effort. Specifically, Acadia Healthcare has filed two Nashville-area OTP applications that will be heard by the Agency in August. ***There is ample room for all of these OTP projects in the greater Nashville area.*** Indeed, even if the agency approves the BHG Madison and two Acadia projects, they will meet less than 20% of the estimated need. Sadly, no one expects that need to decrease anytime soon.

Thank you for the opportunity to make the agency aware of this important information. Counsel for Acadia will be present on June 24 and will be glad to answer any questions about this application or our company's pending applications. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

Kim Sanderson
CTC Group President